

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Advisory Office Action mailed January 10, 2003. No fee is due for the addition of any new claims. An appropriate Petition for Extension of Time to Respond is submitted herewith, together with the appropriate fee.

Claims 1-15 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 6 and 8 and rejected claims 1-5, 7, 9-15. The present Response cancels claims 1-5, 7, 9-15, leaving only allowed claims 6 and 8 for consideration. A Continuation Application is being filed concurrently with this Response C to continue prosecution on the claims not allowed in the current Office Action.

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Conclusion

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

Enclosed is a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for extending the time to respond up to and including April 22, 2003.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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